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SUBJECT: US CONTRIBUTION TO UN LEBANESE RELIEF  
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1. THE DEPARTMENT SOUGHT, AND RECEIVED, FROM THE US CON-  
GRESS A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 20 MILLION FOR RELIEF  
AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 77. OF THIS  
SUM, DOLS 1 MILLION HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THE UN PROGRAM

FOR ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, AND ADDITIONAL DOLS 4 MILLION HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO AID LEBANON IN OTHER WAYS, WHILE THE REMAINING DOLS 15 MILLION SO FAR REMAINS UNCOMMITTED.

2. THE USG ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF ITS DOLS 1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION THAT WE HOPED OUR INITIAL PLEDGE WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE. THUS FAR, AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 1.8 MILLION HAS BEEN PLEDGED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. WE HOPE THAT OUR GULF FRIENDS WILL JOIN US IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE UN PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR ABILITY. FYI ONLY: WE ARE OPENMINDED ABOUT ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN PROGRAM. A DECISION WILL DEPEND ON OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH LEBANESE GOV'T, OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS, AND US COORDINATORS. SOME OF THE DOLS 15 MILLION REMAINING MAY BE

REQUIRED FOR THE ICRC, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, AND NON-FOOD DONOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. END FYI.

3. SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF DOLS 20 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON REFERRED TO ABOVE, DOES NOT REPRESENT COMPLETE EXTENT OF US ASSISTANCE. DURING THE LAST 14 MONTHS, THE UNITED STATES HAS TRANSFERRED SOME DOLS 19 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, ONLY DOLS 5 MILLION OF WHICH CAME FROM SPECIAL DOLS 20 MILLION APPROPRIATION. THIS ASSISTANCE MOVED LARGELY THRU THE ICRC AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN BEIRUT. IN ADDITION USG IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING A PL480 TITLE 1 FOOD PROGRAM FOR LEBANON OF DOLS 20 MILLION, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY US CONGRESS. THUS, US ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON COMMITTED, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, AMOUNTS TO DOLS 54 MILLION. IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN LEBANON, AND FROM CONCERN FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FIGHTING, WE WOULD HOPE THAT AS MANY OF OUR GULF FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE COULD JOIN US IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON.

4. FOR EMBASSY DOHA - EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ALL OF ABOVE EXCEPT FYI SECTION, TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY UN REP ABDO VISIT TO QATAR.

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